

## DECISION LIST

### COMMUNITY AND HOUSING COMMITTEE – 17 MARCH 2010

AGENDA ITEM	ITEM	DECISION	REASON	OFFICER
6	Cessation of sandbags	To note the report updating the Committee on the project to cease supply of sandbags, in particular noting the importance of ongoing publicity regarding ceasing the scheme.	Members wished to encourage parish councils to take steps to make parishioners aware that responsibility for protecting property rests with the owner.	LL
7	Area Forums	To note the report on operation of the area forums.	A review of terms of reference of area forums is required to be submitted to Annual Council by the Constitution Working Group.	GB
8	Lord Butler Fitness and Leisure Centre - Discount Package	To note the report and to ask officers to contact the Leisure Centre management to express some disappointment at the level of discount offered to Lord Butler Leisure Centre members in compensation for loss of amenity during the closure of the swimming pool.	Whilst acknowledging the gesture towards compensation, the Committee wished to express some disappointment that only the equivalent of approximately one month's refund had been granted in relation to a period of seven months disruption.	GB

10	Hard to Let Council Bungalows	That following consultation with the chairman of the Community and Housing Committee, discretion be given to the Head of Division for Housing to change the designation of elderly on some hard to let bungalows to allow them to be advertised as also available to general needs applicants, up to a maximum of five units.	To address the problem of void time on long term empty properties.	RM
11	Hertfordshire and Essex Housing Options Consortium	That the Committee approve as its preferred option a common assessment policy (model 4).	To permit progress in discussions towards cross-border working and potential costs savings.	JS
12	Saffron Screen Funding	To allocate £3,000 to support Saffron Screen in its 'Going Digital' campaign in accordance with its corporate opportunities campaign.	To support the charity Saffron Screen in its aim to buy digital cinema projection equipment.	GB
13	Holloway Crescent Task Group	To note the minutes of meeting of the Holloway Crescent Task Group held on 5 March 2010.		SW
14	Sheltered Housing Service Standards	To note the minutes of the meeting of the Sheltered Housing Task Group on 26 February 2010 and to adopt the Sheltered Housing Service Standards attached to the report (herewith).	To ensure service users are clear as to the level of service they will receive.	EP

15	Housing Initiatives Working Group	To note the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Initiatives Working Group held on 8 March 2010.		EP
16	Tenant Forum	To note the minutes of the meeting of the Tenant Forum held on 1 February 2010; to congratulate Mr S Sproul on being elected Chairman; and to ask officers to write to Mrs D Cornell to express the Committee's thanks for her excellent contribution as the previous Chairman.		EP
17	Woodlands Park Play Area (as urgent item)	To recommend to Finance and Administration Committee the transfer of the Woodlands Park Play area to Great Dunmow Town Council at nil value.	The Council does not have the expertise to manage the area, and the Town Council has agreed to take on this responsibility.	SW
18	<b>ITEM 2</b> Housing Policy Garage Sites Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 To note progress in developing sites owned by the Council suitable for affordable housing</li> <li>2 To recommend to Finance and Administration Committee the transfer of certain sites to Registered Social Landlord partners, as detailed in the Part 2 report.</li> </ol>	To contribute to one of the Council's priorities, by providing affordable housing.	SW